(b) will the Central Government direct the Delhi Government to honour OBC certificates even if issued by other State Governments under the authority of Resolution No. 12011/68/98-BCC(c) dated 10th September, 1993 and OM No. 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT) dated 8th September, 1993 issued by the Department of Personnel and Training?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) and (b) The Government of India Resolution No. 12011/68/93-BCC(c) dated 10.9.93 specifics the Central List of OBCs in some of the States. It does not contain Central List of OBC in respect of Union Territory of Delhi. Central List of OBCs in respect of NCT of Delhi was notified vide resolution No. 12011/7/95-BCC dated the 24th May, 1995. The detailed instructions for issue of certificate to the candidates are laid down in the Ministry of Personnel Public Grievances and Pensions, Deptt. of Personnel and Training letter No. 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT) dated the 15th November, 1993.

An OBC certificate for the purposes of reservation benefits for the jobs under the Central Government is to be issued on the basis of the Central List of OBCs in respect of the State/UT to which the candidate belongs. Such certificate is to be issued by the competent Authority specified in Deptt. of Personnel & Training letter dated 15.11.1993 referred to above.

Further, the certificates to be issued for the purposes of reservation of jobs under the 'Central Government may not be applicable for the purposes of job reservation under the State Govts/UT Administrations for the reason that the orders contain OM No. 36012/22/93-Estt. (SCT) dated 8th September, 1993 issued by the Deptt. of Personnel & Training are applicable only for the vacancies in Civil Posts and Services under the Govt, of India to be filled by direct recruitment.

Non-acccptancc of SC/ST certificates by State Governments

2237. SHRI S. NIRAIKULATHAN: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the SC/ST certificates issued by a State Government under the constitution Order, 1950 relating to Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes are not accepted by other State Governments;

(b) whether it is a fact that several State Governments provide the benefit of reservation to SC/ST people, only they belong to SCs/STs of that State;

(c) if so, whether such provision has the sanction of the Constitution; and

(d) whether Government propose to bring any legislation to remove these anomalies and make all the State Government to accept SC/ST certificates issued by any State Government in the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir.

(d) As there are no anomalies, there is no need to bring any legislation.

Demand of Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi in A.P.

2238. DR. D. VENKATESHWAR RAO: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Madiga reservation Porata Samithi in Andhra Pradesh is demanding early implementation of grouping of Scheduled Castes into A, B, C, and D;

(b) the reasons for delay in its implementation; and

(c) the action proposed to get it cleared early in view of MRPS activists bid to commit suicide?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Yes Sir.

(b) The Government of Andhra Pradesh had issued a notification for grouping of Scheduled Castes into group A, B, C & D. But the Andhra pradesh High Court has held that this order of Andhra Pradesh Government was ultravirus of article 341 of the Constitution and void. Andhra Pradesh Government had filed an appeal in the Supreme Court against this. However on the appointed day of hearing of the Appeal on 10.2.1998 and 11.2.1998 in the Hon'ble Supreme Court, the Government of Andhra Pradesh withdrew its appeal.

(c) The Central Government is not aware of any such bid.

Central Schemes for the tribal population of Kerala

2239. SHRI O. RAJAGOPAL: Will the Minister of SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT be pleased to state:

(a) the total tribal population of the State of Kerala; district-wise;

(b) the amount spent under the Central schemes during the last three years on welfare measures like housing, education and health;

(c) the number of houses, health and education centres built-up for tribals;

(d) the present level of their standard of living vis-a-vis the general standard in the State; and

(c) what steps arc proposed to bring parity in the standard of living?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF SOCIAL JUSTICE AND EMPOWERMENT (SHRIMATI MANEKA GANDHI): (a) Relevant information is at Statement-I. *(See* below)

(b) and (c) Relevant information is at Statement-II. (See below)

(d) and (e) The Ministry of Social Justice & Empowerment being the nodal Ministry for tribal development fixes targets and monitors the achievements under 11(b) of the 20-point programme. In order to improve the standard of living of the tribal families, the Ministry of Social Justice and Empowerment as well as other concerned Ministry/Departments provide fund under the central sector and centrally sponsored scheme for .their income generating and infrastructural development schemes.

Statement-I

Statement showing District wise S.T. Population in the State of Kerala as per 1991 Census.

S.N.	State & District	General Sch. Tribe Females	General Sch. Tribe Males	Total Sch. Tribe Population
	Kerala	160155	160812	320967
1.	Kasaragod	14442	14841	29283
2.	Kannur	9076	9167	18243
3.	Wayanad	57583	57386	114969
4.	Kozhikode	2753	2654	5407
5.	Mallappuram	5342	5213	10555
6.	Palakkad	17538	17927	35465